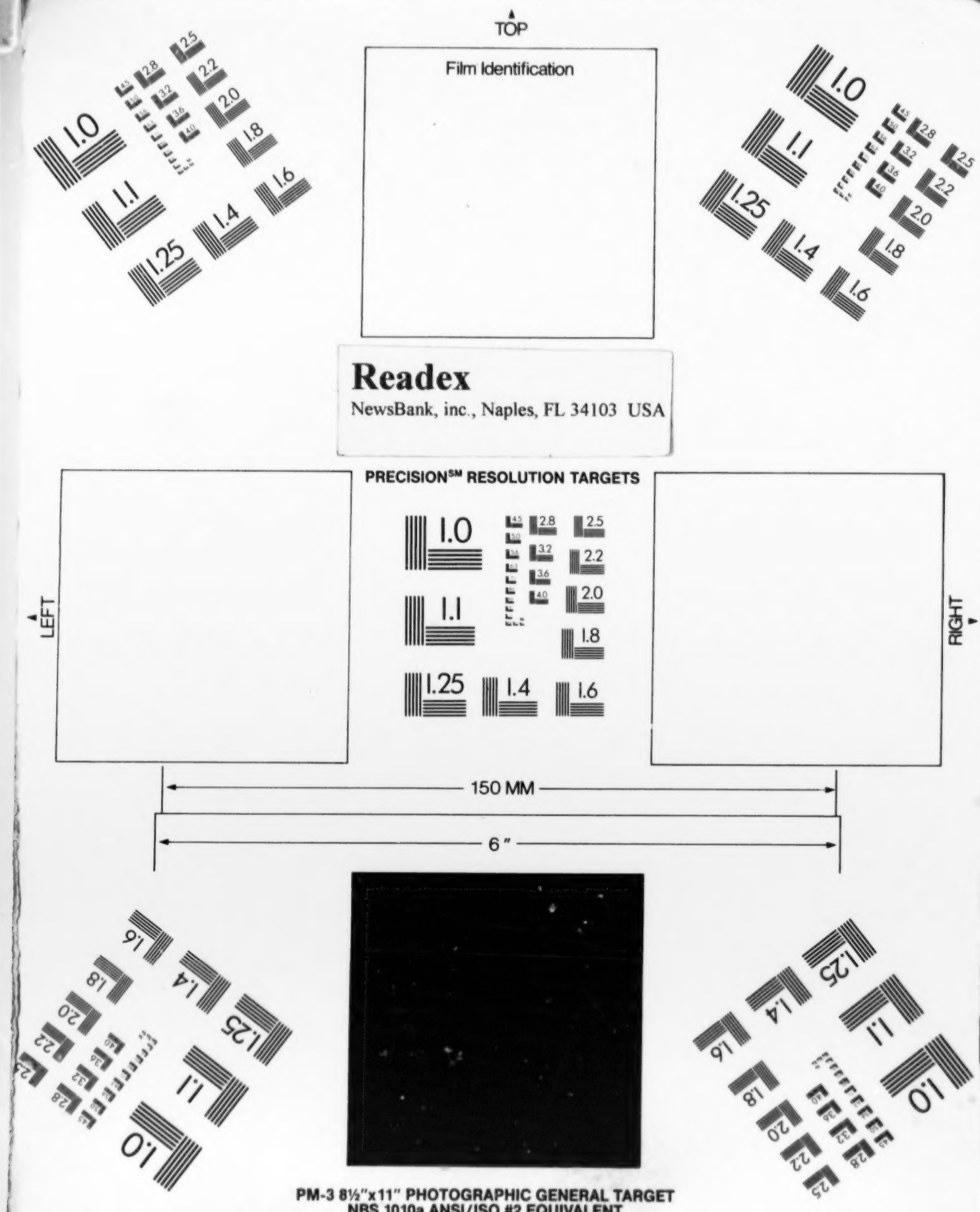

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Letter dated 8 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a transcript of an interview of H.E. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, with the APA news agency on 7 July 2015* in connection with the decision of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights on the case of *Chiragov and Others v. Armenia*, which ruled in favour of the applicants, recognizing continuing violations by Armenia of a number of their rights under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, and furthermore effectively put an end to the persistent denial by Armenia of its responsibility for the unlawful occupation of and military presence in the territories of Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yashar **Aliyev**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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* The interview is on file with the Secretariat and is available for consultation. It is also available at http://en.apa.az/news/229423.

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